



QUORN HALL
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Covid information for parents

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education – particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September.

The key messages are:

- Nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory for schools.
- The [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only.
- Continuing to take regular rapid tests will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission.
- Home testing kits are available from school. Please ask your child to collect them from their teacher as and when you require them.
- On-site testing facilities have been set up in the Sports Hall ready for the beginning of the autumn term. Testing will take place Tuesday 31st August and Friday 3rd September for all secondary students that we have received consent forms for.
- QHS will no longer trace close contacts – close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace.
- Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal.
- Your child does not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble').
- The government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

I hope this is all useful information, please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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